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Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2019 3:03 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOUO//UFO Media Query
Attachments: redacted Clearance Request 1556576605509_85063552_ver1.0.jpg
Signed By: [REDACTED]

We received this query about the "UFO" story that has been in the news cycle lately. There is a document that he is asking about regarding the release of information to the public. Can you advise please? Thank you.

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This is (b) (6) We spoke on the phone this morning. I have attached a DD1910 Clearance Request that was released by KLAS in Las Vegas last night. I want to verify that the document is real and ask for any comments you all may have regarding the videos and/or the form. The DD1910 is for the release of FLIR videos captured by F18s, one of which has been making news.

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Sent: Friday, April 26, 2019 11:03 AM
To: Gradisher, Joseph F CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (US)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Media Query from Navy.mil website (CAPTCHA verified)
Signed By: (b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)

Is there a message that we would share with reporters? I'm not familiar with the normal practices on this kind of thing. Thank you!

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I see the statement was updated, and it is no longer referenced as a draft, indicating that the message to the fleet has been sent. Is it possible to get a copy of this message?

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Good Morning,

Here is the updated statement on this

"There have been a number of reports of unauthorized and/or unidentified aircraft entering various military-controlled ranges and designated air space in recent years. For safety and security concerns, the Navy and the USAF take these reports very seriously and investigate each and every report. As part of this effort, the Navy is updating and formalizing the process by which reports of any such suspected incursions can be made to the cognizant authorities. A message to the fleet details the steps for reporting each incident. In response to requests for information from Congressional members and staff, Navy officials have provided a series of briefings by senior Naval Intelligence officials as well as aviators who reported hazards to aviation safety." Attributed to Joseph Gradisher, spokesperson for Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Warfare.

Thank you

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To whom it may concern, Today, Politico ran a story about new "UFO Regulations." For some background, I have produced (and am working on new) programs regarding this (and many other related) areas for networks such as History Channel, Discovery Channel, National Geographic Channel and more. For my credits, refer to: <https://www.imdb.com/name/nm1825298/> That said, I'd like to enquire on how much truth there is to this article? There was no named source, but Politico referenced a "Navy Statement" (but failed to publish the entire thing, as of the writing of this letter.) Can I get a copy of this "statement" as I assume

it is public? Also, are there any documents / releases to support the reporting by Politico? Lastly, does the NAVY feel this story is best representing the reality behind these new "regulations" that Politico cites? I appreciate your time. Any response to can offer is much appreciated! Sincerely, (b)(6)

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Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2019 12:45 PM
To: Gradisher, Joseph F CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (US)
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Subject: FW: CBS National News Request
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Sent:

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 11:36 AM

To:

Gradisher, Joseph F CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (US)

Cc:

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Subject:

FW: Media Query from Navy.mil website (CAPTCHA verified)

Signed By:

(b)(6)

Sir,

Here is another regarding some follow up questions on the UFO story.

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From: (b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 9:41 PM

To: (b)(6)

Subject: Media Query from Navy.mil website (CAPTCHA verified)

Good evening. My name is (b)(6) and I'm a reporter for The Hill. Today I read a few reports saying that the Navy is standardizing its procedures for reporting UFO sightings and I was wondering if someone could tell me why this is being done? How frequently do Navy officers report seeing UFOs? I'm writing on deadline and would appreciate a quick reply. I can be reached at (b)(6)

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Got the below query from CNN, sent them the original statement for now.

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Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 12:34 PM
To: Chinfo Duty Officer (b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6) il>
Subject: Media Query from Navy.mil website (CAPTCHA verified)

Hi all, I'm a writer with CNN working on a story about how the US Navy is changing its process by which personnel can report sightings of UFOs and UAPs-taking a more proactive approach in embracing investigations into the unknown. Is there someone who can talk with me about the process and how the Navy hopes to make those institutional changes? We're hoping to get a story out later this afternoon? (b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6) and email is (b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6) Thanks so (b) (6)

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Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Sir,

We received the query below from Aerospace America who wanted to speak to you about UFOs.

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Hi Navy, I'm a freelance contributing writer to Aerospace America, the magazine of the AIAA. I'm working on a feature story about the reporting of UFOs/UAPs by pilots, especially within the Navy, which has been in the news lately regarding the drafting of guidelines for such reports. I am hoping to speak with someone within the Navy briefly (~10 minutes) via phone as well to get some more information about the motivations, significance, and outlook for these new guidelines. As I understand Joseph Gradisher has fielded inquiries about these guidelines in the press, he may be the best point of contact. My deadline is 5/24, so please get back to me as soon as possible. Thank you for your help!

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 11:56 AM
To: Gradisher, Joseph F OPNAV, N2N6SE
Subject: FW: POLITICO query
Signed By: (b)(6)

I sent this to the Front office and N2N6I front office but not you. Sorry about that.

Did CHinfo reach out to you yet?

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> Please see below. Navy Chinfo will be contacting N2N6 to coordinate a response. FYSA, VADM Kohler did brief the SASC Seapower Subcommittee in December.

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> Sent: Monday, February 25, 2019 9:06 AM

> To: (b)(6)

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> Cc: (b)(6)

> Subject: FW: POLITICO query

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> CAPTs, (b)(6)

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> Good morning. Please see below. BL: Reporters from Politico are asking around about things related to (b)(6) work. Chinfo will be contacting N2N6 directly to craft a message.

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Cc: (b)(6) Gradisher, Joseph F CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (US)
Subject: FW: US Navy Statement

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Can you update our UFO PAG with the below statement and send to (b)(6) and Mr. Gradisher today?

Thank you. See below.

Best and v/r,

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From: Gradisher, Joseph F CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (US) (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2019 4:36 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: US Navy Statement

This was in response to a query that came into the desk while I was there a short while ago....

Joe Gradisher
Captain, U.S. Navy (ret)
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From: Gradisher, Joseph F CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (US)
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2019 4:35 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: US Navy Statement

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Here's what we've released.

"There have been a number of reports of unauthorized and/or unidentified aircraft entering various military-controlled ranges and designated air space in recent years. For safety and security concerns, the Navy and the USAF take these reports very seriously and investigate each and every report. As part of this effort, the Navy is updating previous guidance and formalizing the process by which reports of any such suspected incursions can be made to the cognizant authorities. A message to the fleet details the steps for reporting each incident. In response to requests for information from Congressional members and staff, Navy officials have provided a series of briefings by senior Naval Intelligence officials as well as aviators who reported hazards to aviation safety."

Attributed to Joseph Gradisher, spokesperson for the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Warfare.

Joe Gradisher
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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 4:00 PM
To: Gradisher, Joseph F CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (US)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: Hill Interest in Politico "UFO" article
Signed By: (b)(6)

Joe,

Source: <https://www.politico.com/story/2019/04/23/us-navy-guidelines-reporting-ufos-1375290>

OLA is responding to interest from staff members of both chambers of Congress, led by the national security advisors to Senators McConnell (majority leader) and Schumer (minority leader) and will also likely include House staff, as well as staff from the Armed Services Committees. With N2N6 concurrence, Mr. Jay Stratton (DISL, ONI NIMITZ) will brief Congressional staff in a classified session on Tues 7 May on the Navy's efforts in this area.

Primary OLA POC will be (b)(6) secondary will be myself (supporting).

V/r, (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2019 9:36 AM
To: Gradisher, Joseph F CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Media Enquiry - Navy Policy

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Dear Mr. Gradisher,

I hope this email meets you well. I work as a television producer and writer in Los Angeles. I can get you a list of credits, if needed. I also have a very large archive of government records, in which I write extensively about various issues, along with appearing on various television shows and radio programs. (I say those things only to express the media background – if you need additional information, let me know).

I had a few questions relating to the recent announcement of the Navy's "UFO" Guidelines, and your recent statement that the public will not gain access to any of the information.

Would you mind if I sent you some questions via email? What concerns me, if you are unaware, is the corporation "To The Stars Academy of Arts and Science" led by rock star Tom DeLonge, has been taking credit for the Navy's change of policy via his Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/officialtomdelonge/>. Chris Mellon, a board member of the same corporation, is also taking credit via media channels: <https://www.lasvegasnow.com/news/local-news/exclusive-i-team-confirms-pentagon-did-release-ufo-videos/1963912703> And lastly, Luis Elizondo, another board member of the same corporation, is giving quotes through a blogger that despite the official Navy statement by yourself, that there will be a public aspect of all of this, essentially going against the Navy's statement. His words through the blogger, are located here: <https://www.facebook.com/alejandrorojas.in.space>

Although I do have a few questions, the most pressing (since I will be doing some radio and an upcoming television interview about this) is authenticating what this corporation is saying in relation to the change in Navy policy.

Most pressing question: is there truth to what the board members of To The Stars Academy are saying? The first part of the question, is authenticate them taking credit for causing the change, and the second part, is despite the Navy's official position, Mr. Elizondo seemingly is speaking publicly (through bloggers) essentially like a spokesperson, and I am curious if he is even cleared to offer such statements? Since his background as a government employee through OSD (and claim that he headed a UFO Project there) is seemingly paving the way for him to make statements, and allow him to say there "will definitely be" public aspects. I am seeking to authenticate that all.

I appreciate your insight to the above, and hope I can shoot a few more questions, if that's ok?

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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Mailing Address:

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 2:46 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: CTV News -request for comment on Navy draft on UFO reporting by pilots
Signed By: (b)(6)

1) Good Morning Sir,
Here is the response to your query:

1) Why was the program going to be put in place?

The wide proliferation and availability of inexpensive unmanned aerial systems (UAS), such as commercially available quadcopters, has increasingly made airspace de-confliction an issue for our aviators. In this increasingly complex airspace including both military and civilian aviation environments, the US Navy is proactive in exercising due diligence in investigating any observation in training areas that could affect the safety of our aircrews. Based on this increased airspace complexity, US Navy aircrews were provided with reporting instructions in order to determine the frequency and location of any UAS operating in our training areas.

2) Why is it important that these procedures are in place?

Military and civilian aviation have always had channels for reporting airspace violations and hazards to aviation safety authorities. However, they recognized that more specific guidelines were needed in order to bring consistency to the reporting. The US Navy continues to operate and train safely throughout the world.

3) Will the reports of the service be made available to the public? If not, why not?

The information obtained from each individual report of any suspected training range incursion will continue to be investigated in its own right. The information obtained in these reports will be catalogued and analyzed for the purpose of identifying any hazard to our aviators. This process could involve multiple Department of Defense and Intelligence Community organizations. Military aviation safety organizations always retain reporting of hazards to aviation as privileged information in order to preserve the free and honest prioritization and discussion of safety among aircrew. Furthermore, any report generated as a result of these investigations will, by necessity, include classified information on military operations. Therefore, no release of information to the general public is expected.

Thank you.

V/r,

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From: (b)(6) >

Subject: CTV News -request for comment on Navy draft on UFO reporting by pilots

Date: May 6, 2019 at 9:22:28 AM CDT

To: "(b)(6)"

Morning,

My name is (b)(6) a reporter from CTV News in Canada and I'm hoping to match the statement being given to outlets like Politico and The Washington Post about the U.S. Navy drafting a procedure to investigate and catalogue reports of unidentified flying objects coming in from its pilots. I'm hoping to be connected with Joe Gradisher, a spokesman for the office of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Warfare.

Please let me know who can help!

I'd like to know:

- 1) Why was the program going to be put in place?
- 2) Why is it important that these procedures are in place?
- 3) Will the reports of the service be made available to the public? If not, why not?
 - a. Couldn't the Navy theoretically release broad stats about sightings and the results of investigations without disclosing classified information.
- 4) Former U.S. officials told [the Washington Post](#) that with a more formalized, way to investigate reports from pilots, there will be less of a stigma of armed forces of reporting such incidents. Why do you think there was a stigma in reporting it?

My number is (b)(6) if it's easier to respond by phone.

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From: Gradisher, Joseph F CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (US)
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2019 8:55 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Honolulu Star-Advertiser/Navy UFO reporting guidance
Signed By: (b)(6)

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The message is out... but due to the operational and aircraft specific nature of these guidelines, security considerations preclude their disclosure.

Joe Gradisher
Captain, U.S. Navy (ret)
N2N6 Strategic Engagements
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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 9:54 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Gradisher, Joseph F CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (US); (b)(6); (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Honolulu Star-Advertiser/Navy UFO reporting guidance

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I will have to defer to Mr. Gradisher on that one (CC'ed).

Vr,
(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)
Date: Thursday, Apr 25, 2019, 8:46 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Honolulu Star-Advertiser/Navy UFO reporting guidance

Thanks! Is the message to the fleet already out, and is that available? -William

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On Apr 25, 2019, at 2:43 PM, (b)(6)

wrote:

Hi (b)(6)

Thanks for the call. Below is the statement as discussed. You may attributed it to Mr. Joseph Gradisher, spokesperson for Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Warfare.

“There have been a number of reports of unauthorized and/or unidentified aircraft entering various military-controlled ranges and designated air space in recent years. For safety and security concerns, the Navy and the USAF take these reports very seriously and investigate each and every report. As part of this effort, the Navy is updating and formalizing the process by which reports of any such suspected incursions can be made to the cognizant authorities. A message to the fleet details the steps for reporting each incident. In response to requests for information from Congressional members and staff, Navy officials have provided a series of briefings by senior Naval Intelligence officials as well as aviators who reported hazards to aviation safety.”

Vr,

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From: (b)(6)

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Date: Thursday, Apr 25, 2019, 8:25 PM

To: (b)(6)

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Honolulu Star-Advertiser/Navy UFO reporting

guidance

Hi (b)(6)

Here's the email follow-up.

If I could get the various Navy comments used by Politico and Wash Post on the upcoming Navy guidance, that would be great.

Thanks!

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Military Writer

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 7:58 AM
To: Gradisher, Joseph F CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (US)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] UFOs

Bueno--thanks!

-----Original Message-----

From: Gradisher, Joseph F CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (US) (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2019 5:03 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] UFOs

Actually. Jay Stratton at ONI provided most of the info I used to respond to media queries

Joe

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From: (b)(6)
Date: Monday, May 06, 2019, 3:12 PM
To: Gradisher, Joseph F CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (US) (b)(6)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] UFOs

Hey Joe!

Remember me from Navy FLO...the guy before the famous (b)(6) First, I hope all is well. Anyway...I'm here at ODNI working this and that. Here a group was discussing the press reports about the Navy's new process, office (?) for dealing with aviators' reports of "UFOs. They remembered that I'm former Navy and asked who might know more about this report. I first just told them to call CHINFO, but then I saw your name in one story and I got a lightbulb over my head, so I figured I just ask if you knew anyone that knew the 5Ws, etc. No research project, just if you happen to know. Hey, you never know!

Anyway, all the best to the N2N6 and all that-and thanks!

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From:

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Sent:

Thursday, May 9, 2019 5:18 PM

To:

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Cc:

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; Gradisher, Joseph F CIV USN DCNO N2N6

(US) (b)(6)

Subject:

RE: Queries about UFO Sighting

Signed By:

(b)(6)

That's helpful. We will advise the LT accordingly. His call on whether he wants to speak about his personal experience. We have the PAG and can refer to AIRLANT or N2/N6 if they want to go there.

V/R,

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From: (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2019 9:47 AM

To: (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6)

radisher, Joseph F CIV USN DCNO N2N6

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Subject: RE: Queries about UFO Sighting

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Thanks for the note. Attached is the latest UAP PAG with statement that was cleared through CNO and N2/N6. Looping in Mr. Gradisher and Gold Team if you need anything else.

v/r

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From: (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2019 12:00 PM

To: (b)(6)

Cc: Hicks, Gregory L CAPT USN CHINFO WASHINGTON DC (USA) (b)(6); (b)(6)

Subject: Queries about UFO Sighting

(b)(6),

A VT-9 instructor pilot has been contacted by NYT and A&E about a potential UFO sighting which occurred in the Atlantic in 2015. He was flying with his WSO from THEODORE ROOSEVELT when they noticed a flying object that had a heat signature that was unlike any aircraft they had seen.

The WSO—who now works at the Pentagon--has already spoken to A&E and NYT, and given our guy to them as a potential person who could corroborate his story.

We will not to speak to the press...just wondering what guidance you have for us...as we've seen stories recently on this issue. He will not respond until he gets clearance from us. Please advise your thoughts on this query.

V/R,

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From: (b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2019 2:31 PM
To: Wright, B Lynn SES USN DCNO N2N6 (USA)
Cc: (b)(6)
 Gradisher, Joseph F CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (US); (b)(6)
 Reynolds, Jason A SES USN (USA); (b)(6)
 ; Stratton, John F (Jay) SES USN NIMITZ OPINTELCEN DC (USA)
Subject: RE: WASHINGTON POST follow-up Query on Politico story
Signed By: (b) (6)(b) (6)(b) (6)

(b) - thank you again for the heads up on this issue. Sorry our schedules did not align, but I did have the opportunity to review the documents today.

Greatly appreciated.

Moving forward, let me know if/how I can help.

All the best - (b)

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From: Wright, B Lynn SES USN DCNO N2N6 (USA) (b)(6)
Date: Wednesday, Apr 24, 2019, 5:07 PM
To: Miller, DeWolfe H VADM USN COMNAVAIRPAC SAN CA (USA) (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6), Kohler, Matthew J VADM USN (USA)
 (b)(6) Gradisher, Joseph F CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (US) (b)(6), (b)(6)
 (b)(6), Reynolds, Jason A SES USN (USA)
 (b)(6), (b)(6) Stratton, John F (Jay) SES USN
 NIMITZ OPINTELCEN DC (USA) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: WASHINGTON POST follow-up Query on Politico story

(b) (6) great! (b) (6)(b) (6) can set something up. N2N6 front office which I think you might know...

Best, (b)

B. Lynn Wright

ADCNO for Information Warfare (Acting)
OPNAV N2N6B

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ADCNO for Information Warfare (Acting)
OPNAV N2N6B

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From: Stratton, John F (Jay) SES USN NIMITZ OPINTELCEN DC (USA) (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 2:25 PM

To: Wright, B Lynn SES USN DCNO N2N6 (USA) (b)(6)

Subject: RE: WASHINGTON POST follow-up Query on Politico story

Safety of aircrew is always a paramount concern to the US Navy and the Department of Defense. The wide proliferation and availability of inexpensive unmanned aerial systems (UAS) such as commercially available quadcopters has increasingly made airspace de-confliction an issue for our aviators. In this increasingly complex airspace including both military and civilian aviation environments, the US Navy is proactive in exercising due diligence in investigating any observation in training areas that could affect the safety of our aircrew. Based on this increased airspace complexity, US Navy aircrew were provided with reporting instructions in order to determine the frequency and location of any UAS operating in our training areas.

In response to past reports, the US Navy issued guidelines for responses to observations. Based on continued reporting under those guidelines, the US Navy has decided to further develop ways to help better understand the source and nature of the observations. As an example, in 2012 there were a number of lasing events near Naval Air Station Oceana, the US Navy took these hazards to aviation very seriously and working with Law Enforcement identified and prosecuted the individual. While the US Navy acknowledges that these hazards to aviation may be inadvertent or unintended, just as with the lasing events, the US Navy remains vigilant in addressing any and all hazards to aviation.

We are currently updating guidelines to be more aircraft specific in order to facilitate reports that support an objective data driven analysis while helping to remove any stigmas from reporting anything unknown in the airspace. Due to the operational and aircraft specific nature of these guidelines, security considerations preclude their disclosure. The US Navy is at the forefront of this effort but works across the Department of Defense to ensure other service partners maintain awareness for the safety of their aircrew. The US Navy is not working with any entities outside of the US government.

Military and civilian aviation has always had channels for reporting airspace violations and hazards to aviation safety. However, based on the enhanced guidelines that were implemented reporting became more consistent which lead to our recognition that more specific guidelines were needed. The US Navy continues to operate and train safely throughout the world.

From: Wright, B Lynn SES USN DCNO N2N6 (USA) (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 12:25 PM

To: Gradisher, Joseph F CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (US) (b)(6); Stratton, John F (Jay) SES USN NIMITZ OPINTELCEN DC (USA) (b)(6)

Cc: Kohler, Matthew J VADM USN (USA) (b)(6); OPNAV ALL N2N6 Front Office (b)(6)

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Subject: RE: WASHINGTON POST follow-up Query on Politico story

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Will have something in the next 90

minutes or so.

Make sure the Post understands that – we will have good answers that will be helpful for the article. Just need a little time.

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Thanks, lynn

From: Gradisher, Joseph F CIV USN DCNO N2N6 (US) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 12:10 PM
To: Wright, B Lynn SES USN DCNO N2N6 (USA) <(b)(6)>; Stratton, John F (Jay) SES USN NIMITZ OPINTELCEN DC (USA) (b)(6)
Cc: Kohler, Matthew J VADM USN (USA) (b)(6); OPNAV ALL N2N6 Front Office (b)(6)
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 >(b)(6) Hicks, Gregory
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Subject: WASHINGTON POST follow-up Query on Politico story

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Not surprisingly, in response to the Politico article, CHINFO has received queries from a number of other media outlets.

In response, they provided the statement we used for politico (attached).

In the email below to CHINFO, the Washington Post had some follow-up questions.

Can we put together something to responds to the Post?

[illegible]

Has the draft guidance been finalized/released? Is it a classified or unclassified directive?

They want to publish this afternoon!

Regards,

Joe

Joe Gradisher
Captain, U.S. Navy (ret)
N2N6 Strategic Engagements
(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 11:43 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Statement on unexplained aerial phenomena reporting

Hello, I'm still waiting to receive the official statement from you.

As a matter of expediency, below are follow up questions. I'd appreciate the opportunity to speak with someone this morning. We're aiming to publish early afternoon.

- What does the U.S. Navy constitute as a strange aerial sighting, for purposes of the new guidelines?
- The statement published by POLITICO says, "There have been a number of reports of unauthorized and/or unidentified aircraft entering various military-controlled ranges and designated air space in recent years." Can you elaborate on what this means?
 - Is "recent years" the last two years? Five? Ten?
 - Has there been an increase in sighting over that time period or has it remained constant? What prompted the Navy to draft these guidelines now?
 - How many sightings have there been?
- What are the drafted guidelines? Could you provide us with a copy of them?
- Prior to this, was there anything similar in place for unidentified aircraft sightings?
- Are there parallel guidelines for other branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, like the Air Force?
- What type of analysis will be conducted?

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 11:28 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Statement on unexplained aerial phenomena reporting

Thanks so much for sending the statement. Will send follow up questions once received.

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